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## **Downtown officers patrol quick, clean and green**

*Riverside Downtown Partnership helps RPD bolster downtown patrols*

Riverside, CA -- The Riverside Police Department recently expanded its downtown patrol. To increase officer mobility, the City purchased two T3 vehicles in partnership with Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP), a private group representing downtown business interests. The T3 is an electric motorized three-wheel vehicle that provides personal mobility with enhanced visibility and agility. The vehicle is only sold for government, law enforcement, or security purposes and is specially equipped with police lights and siren. For more information on the T3 vehicle, please refer to their website, [www.t3motion.com](http://www.t3motion.com)

To maximize patrol effectiveness, the RDP provided half the funding for the two-vehicle purchase. The T3s will be primarily used for patrols in the Mile Square of downtown, including White Park and the Marketplace, and for special events. Officers on the T3s will patrol at the same time on a 10-hour shift.

"This purchase is the latest example of our strong cooperation with the business community downtown," Chief of Police Russ Leach said. "The Riverside Downtown Partnership have shown their commitment to working with Police as active 'co-producers of public safety,'" outlined and encouraged in the RPD Strategic Plan.

The RDP had made the offer several years ago to purchase a Segway vehicle for the police department when downtown patrols were increased. Meanwhile, the law enforcement-focused T3 was introduced and the decision was made to purchase it instead. "RDP is pleased to assist the City of Riverside Police Department in their efforts to make downtown even safer," RPD Executive Director Janice Penner said.

### **MEDIA UNVEILING / DEMONSTRATION EVENT -- TEST DRIVE THE T3**

**WHAT:** RPD and RDP present the new T3 downtown patrol vehicle

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Riverside City Hall Memorial Plaza, 10<sup>th</sup> & Main, Riverside

**MEDIA MAY TEST DRIVE THE T3 AS PART OF THEIR REPORT**

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